

REMARKS

Claims 16, 19-22 and 25-31, as amended, remain herein.

1. Claims 16 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Eisele et al. U.S. Patent 6,089,459. Eisele discloses a floppy disk adapted to receive an electronic medium, such as a smart card. However, Eisele fails to disclose the claimed invention.

Claim 16 and 25 recite a circuit board having “a main board, a sub-board, and a flexible bend connecting the main board and the sub-board, the main board and the sub-board being folded at the flexible bend such that the main board and the sub-board face each other within the adapter body.” Eisele fails to disclose these limitations. Thus, Eisele does not disclose all elements of applicant’s claimed invention and therefore is not a proper basis for a rejection under § 102. Nor does Eisele suggest applicant’s claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 16 and 25 are not anticipated by Eisele, and applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this ground of rejection, and allowance of all those claims.

2. Claims 17-24 and 26-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Eisele et al. in view of Mizutani U.S. Patent 5,777,275. Eisele, discussed above, discloses a floppy disk adapted to receive an electronic medium, such as a smart card. Mizutani discloses a bendable circuit board.

Claims 16, 19-22 and 25-31 each recite a card adapter having a card holder that is “formed by a surface of the adapter body, the sub-board, and the housing of the second connector” such that “the housing of the second connector” maintains a distance between the

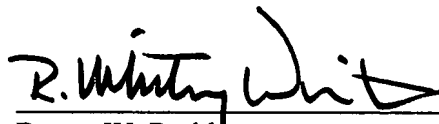
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main board and the sub-board. Eisele and Mizutani fail to teach these limitations. Thus, there is no disclosure or teaching in Eisele and Mizutani that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in the art. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection, and allowance of all claims.

Accordingly, the application is now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.2183). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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